

**OST 590 – Transforming the Doctor-Patient Relationship:
Telling the Story**
Spring Semester – 2017

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Notice to Students: Although Elective syllabi at MSUCOM have a consistent format; vitally important details differ by Elective. For this reason, you must read the syllabus thoroughly at the onset of each elective to understand what educational activities will be provided and what is expected of you.

Section 1 – Course Information

Elective Description

Transforming the Doctor-Patient Relationship: Telling the Story is a 1-credit hour course that provides students with new concepts, strategies and techniques for more fully exploring their patient's background and personal histories. It will include a series of hands-on and engaging theatrical exercises designed to stimulate creating thinking. This new, personal information will then be reviewed and linked to the patients' traditional medical background as a means for refreshing the diagnosis and subsequent course of treatment. Simultaneously, discussions will be facilitated regarding ethical issues related to the entire paradigm between doctor and patient.

The goal of this elective is to suggest new possibilities for deepening the relationship between osteopathic physicians and their patients, while relieving some of the emotional stresses of practicing medicine in contemporary society.

Course Goals

1. Examine the necessary ingredients (and the importance) for illuminating the patients' entire story that goes beyond the medical chart.
2. Demonstrate how important it is for healthcare professionals to better understand themselves as primary vehicles for understanding their patients.
3. Explore how physicians can find balance between our scientific and spiritual relationships with our patients.
4. Illustrate how healthcare providers in the 21st century maintain humanity in a system that often emphasizes the bottom line.
5. Analyze whether there is room in the medical profession to admit that providers are flawed and limited or even to apologize, without worrying about a lawsuit.
6. Explore how the infusion of the arts can help address issues in healthcare and provide an illuminating experience for future practitioners.

Course Coordinator

(Note - Preferred method of contact is shown in italics)

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Lines of Communication

- For administrative aspects of the Course: contact the staff coordinator.
- For absences/missed exams (see excused absence information below)

Office Hours

Questions concerning logistics may be discussed individually by making an appointment with the Course Coordinator, *Elizabeth M Petsche, JD*, via e-mail: petschee@msu.edu. The course coordinator is generally available by appointment.

Elective Schedule

This elective is presented for 1 weekend. General scheduling for the educational activities of this elective are as follows:

Day/Date	Times
Friday, January 13, 2017	5:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Saturday, January 14, 2017	9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Sunday, January 15, 2017	9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Required Exams/Assessments

There will no exams given in this course. Your participation and attendance at every day of the workshop will determine your course grade.

Elective Grades

A student’s course grade is determined by the following formula:

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{Did you attend and participate in all 3 days of the workshop} \\ &= \text{Final Score} \end{aligned}$$

- **P-Pass**—means that credit is granted and that the student achieved a level of performance judged to be satisfactory by the instructor. To obtain a “P” grade for this course, a student must attend and participate in all 3 days of the elective.
- **N-No Grade**—means that no credit is granted and that the student did not achieve a level of performance judged to be satisfactory by the instructor. A student who does not attend and participate in all 3 days of the elective will receive an “N” grade.
- Remediation - Since all of the Electives in the MSUCOM curriculum are optional, Students are not required to remediate the elective if an “N” grade is received.

Student Evaluation of the Course

We want your feedback on how to improve this course.

- Informal Feedback: Feel free to approach the Course Coordinator, Elizabeth M Petsche, JD, or any of the other course faculty with your reactions and suggestions. Or write out your comments and

email them to the Course Coordinator or Faculty. From time to time, we may also convene focus groups of students, as an additional way to elicit your opinions and suggestions.

- Formal Evaluation (if applicable): In addition to the above, we ask every student in the class to complete formal on-line Elective evaluation upon conclusion of the Elective. Student Elective evaluations are highly recommended [or required]. Student feedback provides Elective Coordinators with valuable information regarding their performance, the performance of their instructors and the quality of the Elective. The information gained from these evaluations is used to continuously improve future offerings of this Elective. Students can access the evaluation for at method and time expectation here.

Section 2 – Policies

Academic Honesty and Professionalism

http://www.com.msu.edu/Students/Policies_and_Programs/Med_Student_Rights_Responsibilities.htm

http://www.com.msu.edu/Students/Professional_Development/Code_of_Prof_Ethics.htm

Each individual student is responsible for their behavior and is expected to maintain standards of academic honesty and professionalism. If any instance of academic dishonesty (cheating, plagiarism, etc.) is discovered by an instructor, it is his or her responsibility to take appropriate action. Such action may include giving a failing grade to the student in the Elective and/or referring the student for judicial review and possible disciplinary action, which may include disciplinary suspension or dismissal from the College.

Attendance/Excused Absence

In accordance with the MSU All-University Policy on Attendance, MSUCOM does not have a regulation requiring class attendance. However, the College understands and supports the need and the right of the faculty to expect student attendance and participation in many curricular components with consequences if the student is not attending. In the spirit of professional behavior, MSUCOM students are expected to attend required class sessions (e.g., lectures, laboratories) and take all examinations during their originally scheduled times. If this is not possible, the student must obtain an excused absence. To obtain an excused absence, you need to make the following contact, as appropriate, prior to the scheduled administration of the examination(s).

Personal Emergencies:

(e.g., death in family, serious illness (acute), hospitalization, automobile difficulties).

Elizabeth M Petsche, JD

517-884-6889

Where there is advance notice of absence:

For advance notice absences, a student must submit his/her excused absence request at least one week in advance of the scheduled mandatory elective activity. Wedding, family celebrations, vacations, conferences, etc are not considered acceptable excuses. If an examination or other required experience is missed due to medical reasons, an attending physician's written confirmation will be required in order for the absence to be excused.

Requests for Special Accommodations

Michigan State University is committed to providing equal opportunity for participation in all programs, services and activities. Requests for accommodations by persons with disabilities may be made by contacting the Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities at 517-884-RCPD or on the web at www.rcpd.msu.edu. Once a student's eligibility for accommodation has been determined he/she may be issued a Verified Individualized Services and Accommodation ("VISA") form. Please present this VISA form to Cheryl Luick, luick@msu.edu, A-331 East Fee Hall at the start of the semester and/or two weeks

prior to the accommodation date (test, project, labs, etc.). Requests received after this date will be honored whenever possible.

It is the responsibility of the student with accommodations to contact the Elective Coordinator two weeks prior to the start of the term, or two weeks prior to the scheduled assessment event or other planned use of accommodations. Requests received after this date will be honored whenever possible.

It is the responsibility of the student to submit or have submitted an updated version of their accommodations to Cheryl Luick each semester that a student plans to use their accommodations.